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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Opposition to the Microsoft settlement is absurd. The settlement is a fair and reasonable conclusion to the issue. Microsoft has made many concessions to their competitors. Anyone desiring further litigation is showing greed and irrationality.

Microsoft has given up much in this case. They have agreed to license Windows at a uniform price. They have agreed to disclose their internal interface designs. They have agreed to contract restrictions. They have even allowed for the creation of an advisory board. Microsoft has also agreed to not to retaliate against companies that use, sell, or promote non-Microsoft products. Enough is enough.

The settlement offers the country an opportunity to get past this lawsuit and move on to more important issues. I support the settlement and look forward to seeing this lawsuit come to an end.

Sincerely,



Walter Ousterman